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The future of Aruba's Windsurfing is unclear



A popular image on most of Aruba's overseas promotion is that of people practicing wind or kite surfing. Portraits of Aruba's wind and kite surfing

is rather unique and different as it is not seen in other destinations, hence the reason for promoting it so widely.

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Aruba PM Mike Eman receives warm welcome in St. Maarten

WILLEMSBURGH — Last Friday Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman went on a work visit to St. Maarten. On his arrival he was welcomed by Prime Minister of St. Maarten. Mrs. Sarah Wescott-Williams. PM Eman also met with various Arubans who went to greet him.

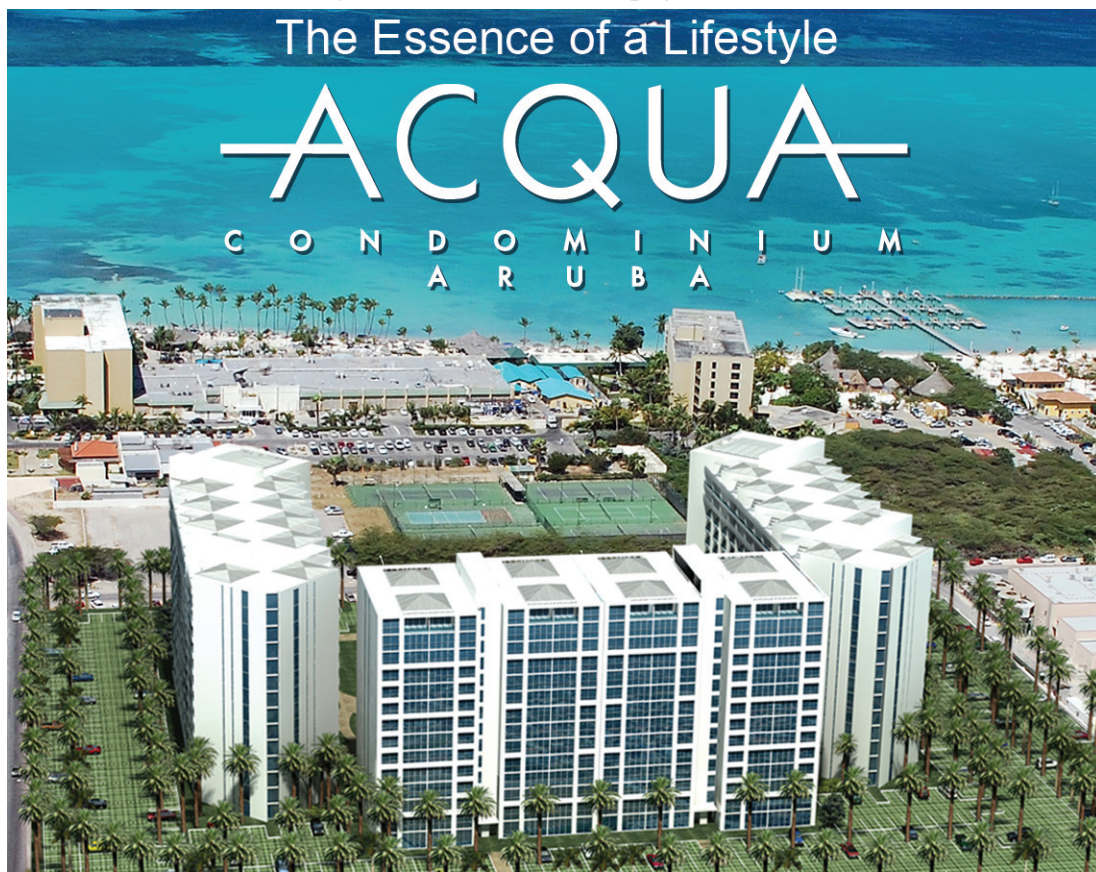
Mrs. Wescott-Williams was recently on Aruba together with Curacao Prime Minister Gerrit Schotte for important talks regarding cooperation among the sister islands. Last week Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations Piet Hein Donner was also on a work visit in St. Maarten to talk about its autonomous status within the Dutch Kingdom.



Mrs. Wescott-Williams speaks Papiamentu fluently; during her infancy she went to school in San Nicolas. The two PMs enjoyed some very entertaining conversation, reminis-

ing the good old days.

Photos show PM Eman's arrival in St. Maarten accompanied by his wife Mrs. Doina Eman and counselor mr. Luciano Milliard.



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Celebrating mass with truffles



RICHERENCHES, France -- People give money and truffles during a quest yesterday, during a truffle mass, taking place each third Sunday of January in Richerenches, southwestern France. Traditionally people donate truffles instead of money, that are auctioned after the mass at the Town Hall square by the society members. (AFP PHOTO)

Military uses choppers to help Brazil flood victims

NOVA FRIBURGO, Brazil (AFP) -- The Brazilian military took advantage of a break in the weather yesterday to send helicopters to remote areas near Rio hit by landslides and flooding that have killed at least 610 people.

Their priority was to evacuate people in hamlets cut off since Wednesday by rivers of water and mud that carved massive destruction in the Serrana region just north of Rio de Janeiro, a civil defense commander, Colonel Luiz Castro, told reporters.

Bodies that were buried under rubble and sludge would have to wait until teams with heavy equipment could get to

the communities, something that could take days because roads were destroyed.

Although the weather was cloudy and unstable yesterday, it was better than Saturday, when persistent rain reduced visibility and swamped Nova Friburgo, one of the mountain towns hardest hit.

President Dilma Rousseff has declared three days of mourning, while Rio authorities said their state will observe a full week of mourning starting today.

Authorities made an urgent appeal for donations of blood, bottled water, food and medicine, and for medically trained people to help

Source: New Tunisian government Monday

TUNIS, Tunisian (AFP) - The composition of a new Tunisian government will be announced today and will not include any parties close to disgraced former president Zine El Abidine Ben Ali, an opposition leader said.

"The composition of the new government will be announced tomorrow morning," Maya Jribi, secretary general of the opposition Progressive Democratic Party, told AFP

after talks with Prime Minister Mohammed Ghannouchi.

Ghannouchi met the leaders of the main opposition parties.

"There has been a consensus decision to exclude the pro-governmental parties," said Jribi. "The new government will be composed of representatives of the Ettajdid (Renewal) movement, the PDP, the Democratic Front for Labour and Freedoms (FDTL) as well as independent figures."

The future of Aruba's...

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The Fisherman's Hut location is recognized as one of the top 10 best locations in the world for learning this sport. It is at this location our world champion in freestyle, Sarah-Quita Offringa, began her windsurfing career. Famous individuals like Virgin Group billionaire Richard Branson chose Aruba to practice his kite surfing. Kite surfing is rapidly becoming a popular sport worldwide.

However, with the construction of a hotel at Fisherman's Huts this sport and Aruba's unique position in the world stands to suffer seriously. Many attempts have been made to prevent the construction of a hotel in this area, however all efforts have failed. Many of those offering windsurfing classes to tourists and locals have expressed not knowing what to do in light of

the construction plans in the area. This is a growing concern for those who make a living from this activity, for those who depend on the service they provide, for those who practice the sport, but also for the entire island of Aruba as the effective promotion of the island depends on this sport as well.

In the ensuing weeks many questions will be raised concerning this matter. A request will be made to meet with the ministers who have this area under their watch to try and bring about some clarity on this issue. In the meantime, Juan David Yrausquin, AVP Parliamentarian, recommends that anyone who has an interest in this sport to make good use of the windsurfing area while the area is still available for use.

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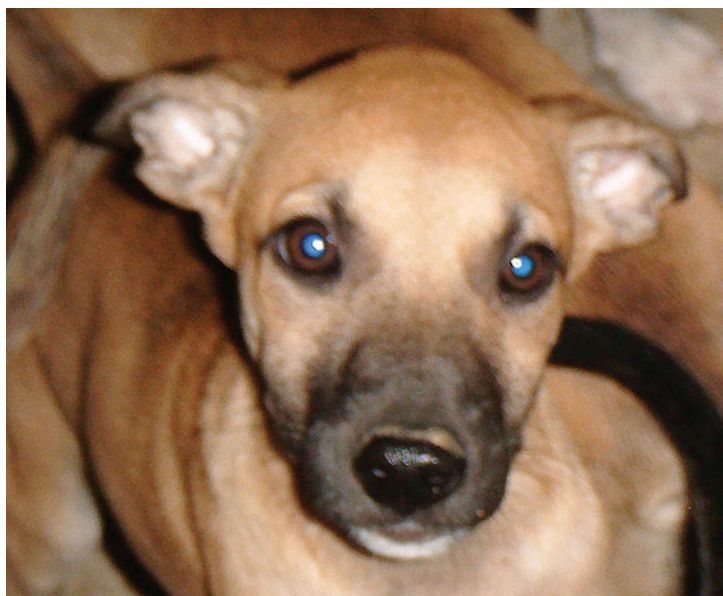
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Cas Animal Cont'd

Four precious puppies could use a good home



We continue our series on Cas Animal, the foundation with a single volunteer, Kiki Arndt, who has made it her life's work to rescue the stray and abused dogs and cats of Aruba. Kiki keeps 71 dogs and 11 puppies at her home, seeing to their medical care and feeding, always with the fervent hope that someone will adopt one of those she has saved from nearly certain death or terrible sickness and

injury.

This week we feature four new cuties that have made their way to her refuge, which she hopes will find a proper home with some loving families. A kind island resident originally from the U.S. found the mother and puppies hungry and helpless near her home. She took them all in, though it appears they were quite fearful of people, and have likely been treated poorly. She still maintains the mother, but caring for the four puppies was beyond her means, but time wise and financially, and has sought Kiki's assistance in finding them a home.

"It took a few days of proper treatment and socializing, but now they have become accustomed to people being kind to them," explains Kiki. "The little white one with the black on her back had some skin problems, but they have been treated and have cleared up. She needed some good nutrition and regular bathing. She was the most difficult to socialize, she was so fearful, but now she always wants to sit in my lap and is very affectionate. This is a puppy that needs a loving home." The puppies are healthy, happy and just over four months old, ready to be

adopted.

Since coming to live on Aruba 14 years ago, Kiki has been rescuing dogs and cats off the streets and nursing them back to health, while psychologically rehabilitating them to their naturally affectionate and devoted dispositions. They are living proof that a little kindness goes a long way. If you wish to assist her with the newest member of the household or to adopt a local dog call Kiki at 565-2130 or 742-8732. She has several puppies up for adoption, and it is not unusual for vacationers to return to their

homes with one of our very appealing "cunucu dogs." Transporting them to the U.S. or Europe is simple and she will walk you through the process. Donations are also appreciated as it costs an astronomical amount of money to feed all the animals and Kiki maintains a free Animal Ambulance to transport sick or injured dogs to the vet's office when their owners are unable to do so. Contributions can be made through CMB Bank account # 25762110 under the name of Cas Animal.

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ORANJESTAD -- The Linear Park, a project designed to significantly improve the quality of the Aruba Tourism Product, is scheduled to commence construction this week with ministers Oduber and Sevinger kicking off this event.

The Aruba Linear Park is poised to become the largest such park in the Caribbean with a total length of 10 miles from the Airport to Arashi. Because of the millions of Aruban florins that this will cost, the government has decided to build it in phases. The first phase will begin at the Las Americas Round About up to the Wilhelmina

Park which will have a price tag of 4.8 million Aruban florins.

The major portion of the funds for this project will be forthcoming from the Tourism Product Enhancement Fund (TPEF), which is a fund, generated partially from hotel room tax receipts.

As of next week residents and visitors alike will begin to see the changes taking place along our beaches in the area between the Las Americas Rotonde (Round About) and the Wilhelmina Park.

The government's intention is to create breathtaking areas, with open spaces with

views to the ocean with ample space for the park to be an active one with the focus on what really a boulevard should represent.

The Linear Park will include a cycling path, walking path, adequate illumination, sheltered areas, parking space, public bathrooms, kiosks and sufficient space for organizing different activities, replete with lovely trees.

Careful attention will be given to the preservation of our beaches and white sand, which detail is built into the construction plans. This demonstrates that this is a project to benefit us personally, physically, touristically, but also one that will be environmentally friendly.

The first phase is expected to be completed within 6 months, at which time we will begin to see the positive results. The government is extremely excited about this project because of the tremendous positive influence it will have on the quality of life of our people.

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107 trillion emails sent last year: Pingdom



WASHINGTON (AFP) – Internet users sent a total of 107 trillion emails last year, most of them spam, according to a Web monitoring service.

The number of emails sent last year were among the facts and figures about the Internet gathered by Pingdom from various sources and published Thursday at

royal.pingdom.com/2011/01/12/internet-2010-in-numbers/.

Pingdom said that as of June 2010, there were 1.97 billion Internet users: 825.1 million in Asia, 475.1 million in Europe, 266.2 million in North America, 204.7 million in Latin America and the Caribbean, 110.9 million in Africa, 63.2 million in the

Middle East and 21.3 million in Oceania and Australia.

Pingdom said an average of 294 billion email messages were sent per day and about 89 percent were spam.

It said there are 2.9 billion email accounts worldwide and 152 million blogs.

The total number of web-sites is 255 million, Pingdom said, up 21.4 million over the previous year.

It said there were 88.8 million .com domain names, 13.2 million .net domain names, 8.6 million .org domain names and 79.2 million country code domains such as .cn or .uk.

Pingdom also published figures on the growth of Twitter and Facebook.

Twitter added 100 million new accounts last year and had a total of 175 million as of September, Pingdom said, adding that 25 billion messages, or "tweets," were sent in 2010.

Facebook had nearly 600 million users at the end of the year with 250 million joining in 2010.

Taiwan develops face-recognising vending machine

TAIPEI (AFP) – A face-recognising vending machine developed in Taiwan is able to offer hair-growing tonic to balding men and razors to people with beards, one of the inventors said.

The vending machine, from Taipei-based Innovative DigiTech-Enabled Applications and Services Institute, is equipped with a camera that reads the faces of shoppers and then suggests products according to their gender and age.

"Our facial-recognition technology is more active than what has been devel-

oped in the United States and Japan, because it can actually offer shopping advice," said Tsai Chi-hung, a researcher at the institute.

As well as perceiving male baldness or facial hair, it is also able to suggest beauty products for young women and health drinks for older ones, according to Tsai.

The machine can also record the choices of shoppers who do not follow its tips to learn from its "mistakes" to be able to offer better suggestions in the future, he said.

2011 to be 'revolution' for Europe in space - ESA

PARIS (AFP) – Europe is set for a space "revolution" in 2011 when two new types of rocket join its launch pad in French Guiana, European Space Agency (ESA) boss Jean-Jacques Dordain said recently.

ESA's Ariane 5 heavy launcher is to be joined at Kourou this year by a tried-and-tested workhorse of space, Russia's medium-sized Soyuz, and by a new European-designed rocket, Vega, for small payloads.

"2011 will be the year of the launchers," Dordain said

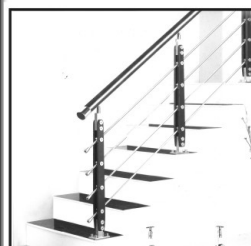
at a press conference at ESA headquarters.

"We will go from having one launcher to having three. It will transform our capacity."

Dordain cautioned that both Soyuz and Vega had to undergo tests before being certified for operation and ESA faced the challenge of having to master three different rocket types at the same time.

But, he declared, "By the end of 2011, ESA will not look like it does today. It is a revolution for Europe."

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The abrupt dawning of the age of Ophiucus

WASHINGTON (AFP)

- Thousands of people woke up to the realization this week that they aren't who they thought they were.

Worse still, neither was that partner they always thought they were so compatible with based on their astrological signs, because this week it was announced that many of us were reading the wrong horoscope.

"Over the 2,500 years or so since the zodiac was established, your sign has moved about a month relative to the sun and stars," wrote Robert Roy Britt in a posting on LiveScience that was republished by a newspaper in Minnesota, triggering the zodiac panic.

"You're no longer what you think you are, and so if you're an astrology buff, perhaps poised to make a New Year's resolution based on the stars and a reading of your supposed personality, know that you're actually following observations, predictions and advice aimed at another person entirely."

The shift in the alignment of the stars, which has come about because the Earth has been wobbling on its axis for millennia, means most people go back a sign.

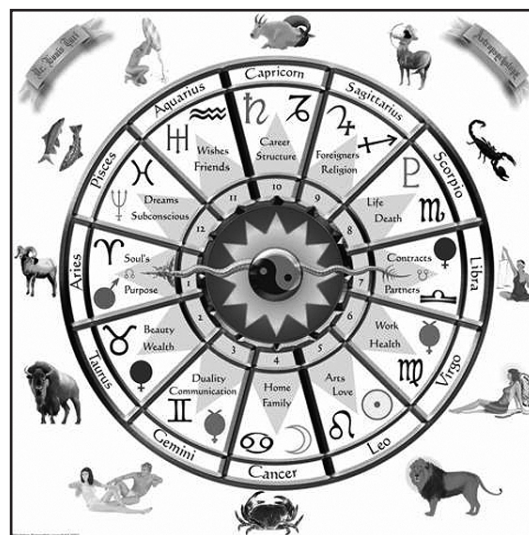
Warm-hearted, patient Taurus becomes selfish, quick-tempered Aries.

Eminently practical and prudent Capricorns are now blindly optimistic and careless Sagittarians.

And many Sagittarians are now Ophiucus.

Oh what?

Ophiucus. It's the hitherto little-known 13th astrological sign. Apparently the Babylonians had an Ophiucus column in their daily



horoscopes but it got dropped somewhere between their civilization and ours.

In any case, news of the celestial shift and of Ophiucus's resurrection sent astrology buffs reeling.

If they weren't wondering how to get rid of the Scorpio tattoo that they just had done when it turns out they're really Libra, as Michele Zipp did in a blog posting on The Stir, they were pondering some of the other existential questions raised by the change.

What, for instance, are Ophiucus's personality traits? What signs are compatible with Ophiucans? And do the lyrics to the song from "Hair" that go, "This is the dawning of the age of Aquarius" have to be rewritten?

It would become "the dawning of the age of Capricorn", which doesn't really work with the meter of the song.

Knowing that famous Ophiucans include the late Sir Winston Churchill, rocker and reality show star Ozzy Osbourne, the late US comedian Richard Pryor, and pop star Britney Spears, all of whom were born between November 29 and December 17, sheds little light on what

the sign's personality traits are.

In fact, wrote John Abbott in Kernel Press about Ophiucus, "To claim that people as disparate as Ozzy Osbourne, Winston Churchill and Richard Pryor have a similar set of characteristics is nonsense."

The news of the heavenly shift is in fact old -- Britt's story links to another published on LiveScience in 2007, in which the shift in the heavens

and Ophiucus were announced, and Abbott wrote his piece in 1996, which is why he didn't mention Britney Spears -- she released her debut album in 1999.

Britts and Abbott both point out that astrology is not a science, a hint that no one was supposed to take the redrawing of the zodiac map too seriously.

But for some reason, the whole thing went viral after the Star Tribune newspaper in Minneapolis picked up the story and got an astronomer -- a real scientist -- to comment on it.

The astronomer was swamped with phone calls, and the Star Tribune's website got more than 183,000 hits on Thursday.

"If we had checked our horoscope, maybe we would have seen this coming," chuckled the Star Tribune's Bill Ward in his column on Friday.

According to a survey conducted in 2009 by the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, a quarter of Americans believe in astrology.

That's 75 million people who could now be worried that someone is trying to Ophiucus.

Health & Living**Smoking
causes gene
damage in
minutes**

WASHINGTON (AFP) — Those first few puffs on a cigarette can within minutes cause genetic damage linked to cancer, US scientists said in a study released.

In fact, researchers said the "effect is so fast that it's equivalent to injecting the substance directly into the bloodstream." The study is the first on humans to track how substances in tobacco cause DNA damage, and appears in the peer-reviewed journal Chemical Research in Toxicology, issued by the American Chemical Society.

Using 12 volunteer smokers, scientists tracked pollutants called PAHs, or polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons, that are carried in tobacco smoke and can also be found in coal-burning plants and in charred barbecue food.

They followed one particular type -- phenanthrene, which is found in cigarette smoke -- through the blood and saw it form a toxic substance that is known to "trash DNA, causing mutations that can cause cancer," the study said. "The smokers developed maximum levels of the substance in a time frame that surprised even the researchers: just 15-30 minutes after the volunteers finished smoking." "These results are significant because PAH diol epoxides react readily with DNA, induce mutations, and are considered to be ultimate carcinogens of multiple PAH in cigarette smoke," the study said.

Lead scientist Stephen Hecht said the study is unique because it examines the effects of inhaling cigarette smoke, without interference from other sources of harm such as pollution or a poor diet.

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Gasoline: a child's drug of choice in Angola

LUANDA, Angola (AFP) — An intoxicated boy shuffles along a teeming street in Luanda casually gulping vapours from a plastic bottle that contains gasoline, children's drug of choice in Africa's top oil-producing country.

Earth's "black gold" has fast-tracked Angola from the ravages of war to the heights

of an emerging regional economy but in this capital city its main derivative has become a gateway drug that brings misery to poor communities.

Easy access to gasoline, typically sold from homes in lemonade bottles, has given rise to substance abuse -- with addicts as young as 10-years-old, in a country where reha-

bilitation resources are scarce.

Users are mainly homeless children and delinquents, whose families bore the brunt of Angola's nearly three-decade civil war which ended in 2002. "I started to take gasoline two months ago, I take it to make me feel happy," slurred 11-year-old Bentinho, as a stoned barefoot

friend in tattered clothes chimed in, saying he liked the drug because it was easy to find. A red rash around the mouth and sunken red eyes are tell tale signs of gasoline users. Long term use risks brain damage, according to medical reports.

The country's Association Against Drugs Abuse esti-

mates that around 15 percent of juvenile drug users are abusing gasoline, before advancing to crack cocaine and other hard drugs.

The abuse of gasoline first emerged in the early 1990's when Angola was impoverished, but an influx of workers attracted to Luanda by the oil boom has seen the number of users soar, drug experts say.

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There is a particularly lovely beach on Aruba with a gorgeous vista right near the airport, known always as Surfside; for some time now the building adjacent to it has gone through a string of owners seeking an appropriate identity for this special place, and it looks like it has finally found it with the opening of the Nikky Beach Club Aruba.

Our investigative team from THE MORNING NEWS went down to have a look at this latest venture, and we found just the kind of authentically tranquil, Caribbean ambience vacationers seek when

visiting Aruba. New owner Hans and his GM Paul have completely renovated and redesigned the venue to fully showcase this charming location while providing a very reasonably priced menu and bar.

November is the month to get acquainted with Nikky Beach as they are offering an introductory dinner special of only \$15 for a three-course meal or a different Entrée de Jour each day of the week for only \$10. This is available from 5:00 to 9:30 p.m., so you can finish up an afternoon spent on the beach, catch a

meal after a dive with the adjacent SCUBA shop, or savor your supper along with one of the most spectacular locations to watch our amazing Aruban sunsets.

Jan and Paul have dubbed Sunday's at Nikky Beach "Rehab Day," when they provide a particularly pleasant ambience with popular local and international DJ's from noon on and \$3 Mimosas all day long. During the traditional Happy Hour time slot, they feature live music with top local groups specializing in the soft sound of the islands.

Some extremely interesting



items on the menu captured our interest along with very moderate prices; aside from the November special you can expect an a la carte tab that will add to your enjoyment. Their chef offers an extensive fusion selection that reveals expertise in several notable cuisines; a nice variety that will please everyone's mood. For lunch and snacking you find a varied choice of classic salads, favorite local treats, pastas and gourmet sandwiches. Kitchen is open from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. serving breakfast, lunch and dinner.

One last interesting tidbit: Paul explained they offer a customized Departure Day Package that allows vacationer to stow their luggage, enjoy all

their amenities, choose a meal, drinks or both and they will personally guarantee getting you to the airport in plenty of time for the flight. Changing rooms and showers let you swim and beach it until departure time and you can linger without rushing, as the airport is only 2 minutes away; no worries about fighting traffic or delays. "Why should you end your stay on a hurried and harried note?" asks Paul. "You can join us for the day and keep that relaxed island ambience up to the last minute; it doesn't have to end at check out." The package requires reservations, which can be made by calling 582-0153 or contact them through their website: www.nickybeacharuba.com.

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Aruba's Prime Minister Eman visits St. Eustatius, Arubans living there welcomed him singing Aruba's National Anthem



After ending his visit to St. Maarten, on Saturday Aruba's Prime Minister Mike Eman proceeded to St. Eustatius, where he was received by St. Eustatius Mayor Gerald Berkel, together with members of the government, who were also present at the airplane staircase to personally welcome PM Eman and his delegation.

When exiting the airport, the PM was given a surprise welcome by Arubans living there. They all went to receive him with t-shirts in the colors of the Aruban flag and waved the Aruban flag to him. As soon they saw the PM they all sang the Aruba National Anthem.

It is very nice to arrive on St. Eustatius, whose capital bears the same name as ours, Oranjestad. It brings along memories of Aruba back then.



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Guangxi Sanhuan Group, based in Beiliu, a city in China's southern Guangxi province known locally for its ceramics and porcelain ware, said they came out tops over more than 500 companies bidding to produce royal

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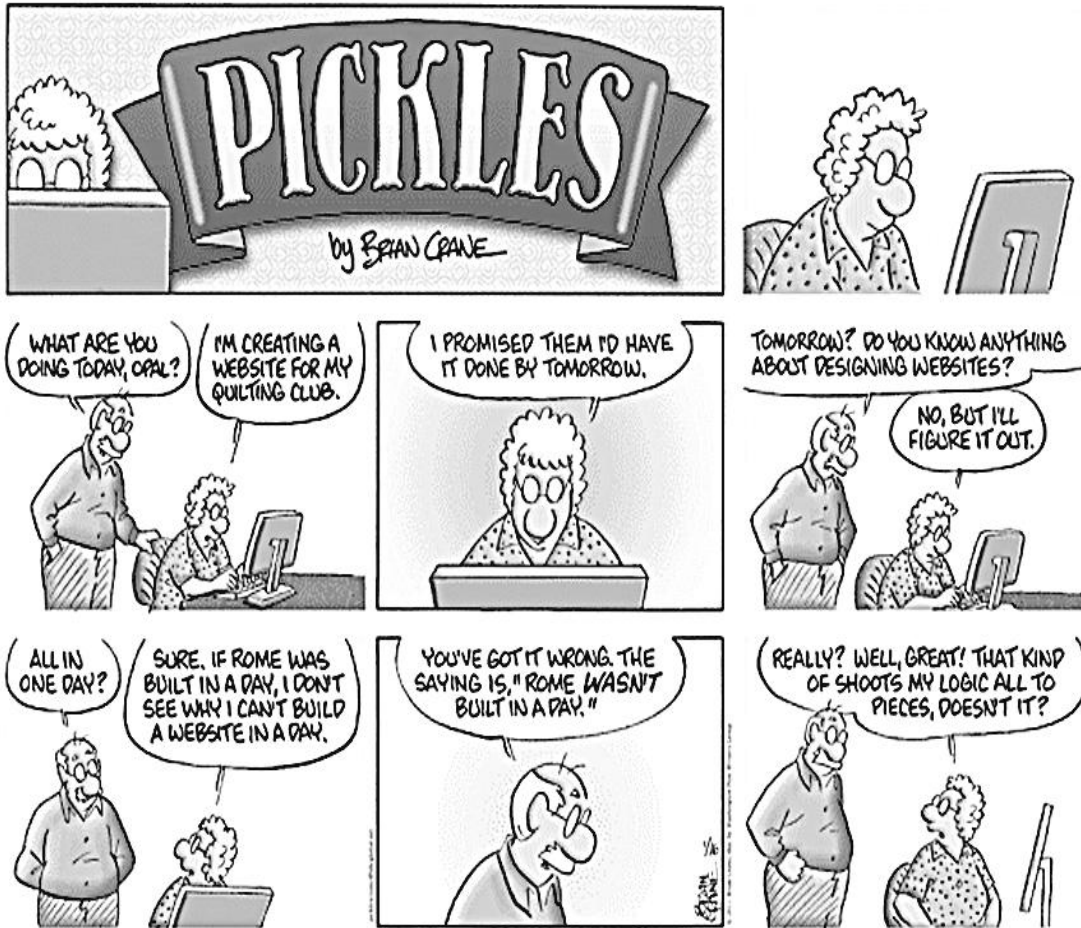


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1. Two for the
5. Novelist Victor
9. English spa
13. Fresh-water fish
17. Half: prefix
18. Grows older
19. Turkish coin
20. River of France
21. Asian sea
22. "Vanity Fair" author
24. Sove
25. "Far from the Madding Crowd" author
27. Hoffman's "Man"
28. "The Five Little"
30. Chow
33. Beatty film
35. Perceive
36. Exclamation of contempt
39. Defeat at chess
41. Lithuanian
43. Van Gogh's city
47. Little of "Uncle Tom's Cabin"
48. Type of wheat
50. "The _____ of the Greasepaint ..."
52. Short-billed, long-legged bird
53. Female farm animals
55. Metal protection
57. Legal paper
59. Tabloid
60. Ready to be served
62. Period of immaturity
64. "Bell, Book and _____"
66. Writer Bret
68. Juan's aunt
69. Biblical mountain
70. Sports official
72. Ravel work
74. Nordic
77. Boat blade
78. Missile housing
80. Drink noisily
82. Killer whale
83. On _____ and needles
85. "_____ Richard's Almanack"
87. Look intently
89. Ahs' companions
90. Golfer Sam
92. Wallet fillers
94. Sign of healing
95. Biblical book: abbr.
96. Hay field
98. At any time
100. Centers of hurricanes
102. Zane Grey novel, e.g.
106. Portent
108. Actor Bruce
112. "_____ Stanley Gardner"
113. "_____ Travels"
117. City in Ohio or Peru
118. Presently
119. Overlook
120. Odd, flightless bird
121. Mine access

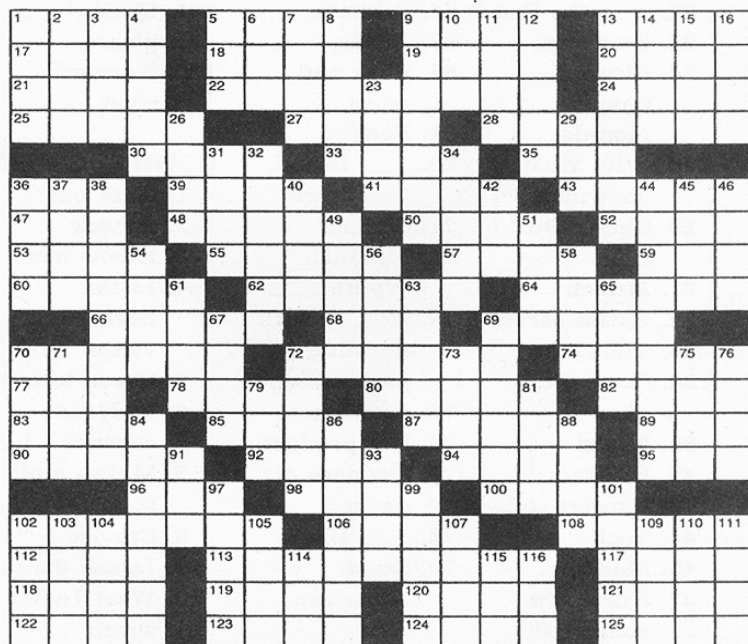
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122. Beer barrels
123. Shoe-mounted noisemakers
124. "_____ Is Not All" (Edna St. Vincent Millay)
125. Clock designer Thomas
1. Former ruler
2. Wife of Zeus
3. Actor Sharif
4. "The Picture of Dorian Gray" author
5. Old
6. Sound of disgust
7. Machine part
8. Movie award
9. Small processor
10. Broadcast
11. Snare
12. Coach Woody
13. "The Spy" author et al.
14. Insect abode
15. Employer
16. Jonson, Vereen, and Kingsley
23. Canal between the North and Baltic seas
26. Southern sweet potatoes
29. Type of jacket
31. Mulberry bark

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32. "Tristram Shandy" author
34. Creator of Uncle Tom
36. Money, in Mexico City
37. Shakespeare's river
38. Hester Prynne's creator
40. Sailor's saint
42. Old salt
44. "Don Juan" poet
45. Of time
46. Wise guy
49. Kemo Sabe's pal
51. Puerto _____
54. Moselle feeder
56. Certain stocks
58. Film plantation
61. Head of state: abbr.
63. Highlanders
65. Ruthless Roman
67. Vacation
69. Roman poet
70. Bribes
71. Eve's boy
72. Frontiersman Daniel
73. Grooves
75. Yearn
76. Poet Ogden
79. English lavatory
81. Implore
84. "Bambi" author et al.
86. Disgusts
88. "_____ Holden"
91. Billy _____ Williams
93. Trucker's rig
97. Jargon
99. Spree
101. "_____ Marner"
102. Feeble
103. Irish lake
104. Tramp
105. _____ Pompilius
107. Captain _____
109. French Nobel prize novelist
110. Spew forth
111. Slat
114. Bite your _____
115. Gun
116. Sweet girl



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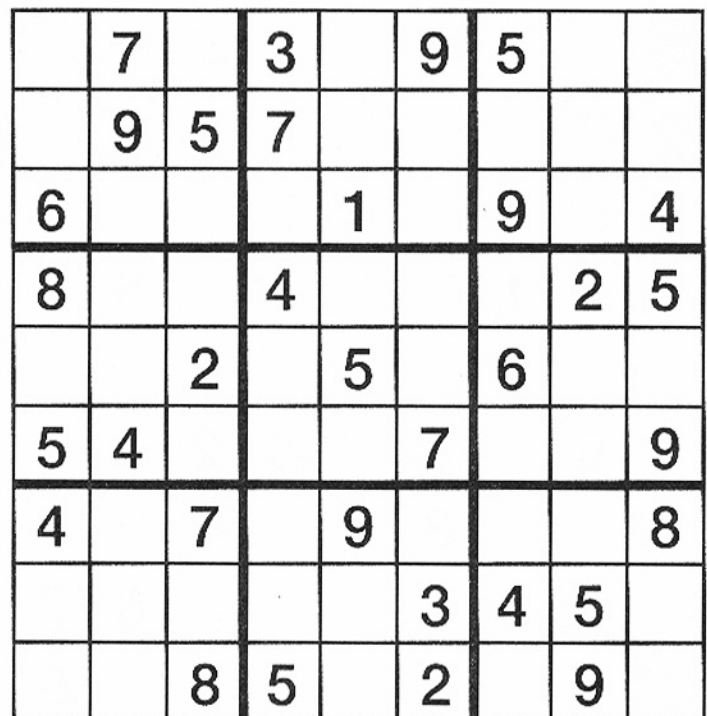
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1	7	9	8	5	6	2	3	4
5	4	1	2	9	3	7	6	8
4	3	7	1	6	8	5	2	9
8	1	2	9	7	4	3	5	6
2	9	5	6	8	3	4	1	7

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Porsche mulls factories in Asia, US: chief



BERLIN, Germany (AFP) – Iconic Porsche 911 sports cars could in the future be produced in factories in Asia or the United States, the German firm's chief executive said.

"This year, we are going to discuss whether to start assem-

bly in Asia or North America," Matthias Mueller told Focus magazine.

"The main thing is that the car has 'Engineered by Porsche' on it. Where it is produced is no longer so important," he added.

Currently, the company manufactures its cars in factories in Leipzig, in eastern Germany and Stuttgart, in the west.

Porsche saw a strong gain in sales in 2010. Some 95,000 cars were delivered to customers last year, an increase of 25 percent.

Google gains ground in US search market



A sign is posted outside of the Google headquarters in California 2010

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) – Market-tracker comScore reported on Friday that Google finished 2010 strong, handling 66 percent of US online queries.

Factoring in outside websites with search "powered by" by the California Internet titan, its share of the market climbed even higher, with 69.4 percent of US searches getting "or-

ganic" results from Google.

Microsoft's Bing search engine increased its share of the US market slightly to 12 percent, while AOL, Ask, and Yahoo! each lost ground with 1.9, 3.5, and 16 percent respectively, according to comScore.

Bing handles Internet searches at Yahoo! websites, raising to 28 percent the total portion of US queries it tended to in December. The combined Bing-Yahoo! share of the market remained unchanged from November.

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Oil price over \$100 'not unrealistic': Iran



Iranian Oil Minister Masoud Mirkazemi

TEHRAN, Iran (AFP) – Oil prices crossing the 100 dollars a barrel mark is possible but would not merit an emergency meeting of OPEC, Iran's Oil Minister Masoud Mirkazemi who currently heads the cartel said week-end.

"The price of 100 dollars is not unrealistic in this situation," Mirkazemi told reporters.

"Even if the oil price

crosses 100 dollars a barrel there is no need for an emergency OPEC meeting. Some OPEC members believe there is no need for an emergency meeting even if oil reaches 110 or 120 dollars a barrel."

At the New York Mercantile Exchange, a barrel of light sweet crude for delivery in February closed at 91.54 dollars on week-end.

The rise in global oil prices has been attributed to a harsh winter hitting Europe and parts of North America, as well as growth in China and other developing nations.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries has said speculation was also fuelling the price rise.

At its last meeting at Quito, the 12-nation cartel decided to leave production quotas unchanged, stressing the looming risks to the fragile global economic recovery.

Some OPEC members -- Iran, Venezuela and Libya -- were urging higher prices at

Quito to above 100 dollars a barrel to offset what they said were rising production costs.

But OPEC heavyweight Saudi Arabia differed, saying between 70 and 80 dollars a barrel was a "fair price."

Iran took over the cartel's rotating presidency from January 1, the first time in 36 years that Tehran holds the leadership of the cartel which accounts for 40 percent of world output.

Mirkazemi also announced that Iran has discovered a new onshore gas field with reserves valued at 50 billion dollars east of Assaluyeh on the Gulf.

"It has 260 billion cubic metres (9.18 trillion cubic feet) of gas, of which 210 (billion) can be exploited, which is about 24 million cubic metres per day," the minister said.

Iran is OPEC's second largest crude exporter and holds the world's second largest gas reserves.

Swiss whistleblower to give bank data to WikiLeaks



GENEVA, Switzerland (AFP) – Swiss whistleblower Rudolf Elmer is planning to handover to WikiLeaks two CDs containing data of around 2,000 bank clients who may have been evading taxes, according to an interview published.

"The documents show that they are hiding behind bank secrecy, possibly to avoid taxes," Elmer, a former Swiss banker, told Swiss newspaper Sonntag.

The data is to be handed over this week, during a press conference in London during which WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange would also be

present, said Sonntag.

However, the information would not be published immediately on the whistleblower website, said Elmer, noting: "WikiLeaks will go through the data, and if they really deal with tax evasion, they will be published later."

According to Elmer, the clients listed on the two discs include multimillionaires, multinationals and hedge funds from several countries, including Switzerland, the United States, Germany and Britain.

The data also implicate around 40 politicians.

Elmer said that the data

stem from "at least three financial institutions and cover the period of 1990 and 2009."

Elmer, who was a director at Bank Julius Baer in Cayman Islands, is to appear before a Zurich court to answer to charges of bank secrecy violation, after he passed on clients' data to WikiLeaks in 2007.

The move led to tax evasion prosecutions in several countries against these clients.

YESTERDAY'S Crossword Answer

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AND NIP ERE KOA THE
CED ARM ACTED GNAR
ERUN YET AID PAI
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Berlin granny, 90, fights off trio of thieves

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) — A granny in Germany made short work of three suspected robbers who tricked their way into her Berlin apartment on the weekend as she celebrated her 90th birthday, police said.

The trio, a woman and two men, rang the doorbell of her flat in the eastern district of Hellersdorf and said they were there to attend the granny's

birthday party.

The pensioner, whose birthday it actually was, became suspicious however when the woman asked her for a drink of water and then tried to hold a towel in front of her face.

She hit the con artist in the face. At the same time she pushed one of the men out the door, at which point the trio fled. The senior was unharmed.

Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and



town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and spectacular facilities by the end of 2011. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only

quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options for clients, so buyers can individualize their homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to provide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260

a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the management association's rental service. There is always a great demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, making it easy for some owners to earn their mortgage payments or others to see an immediate return on their investment.



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'Stalker' quizzes Sharapova at Aussie Open



MELBOURNE, Australia (AFP) – Russian ace Maria Sharapova accused a New Zealand journalist of "stalking" her after he asked if she

spent time with Anna Kournikova and frequented a club for "hot Russians".

"You're the guy from New Zealand, huh?" Sharapova said, when she recognised the male journalist from this month's Auckland Classic. "Oh God, you're stalking me!"

"It's not stalking if you love someone," the journalist said jokingly, to which Sharapova replied: "It can be slightly, trust me."

The 23-year-old also fended off the reporter's next question, asking whether there was a "hot Russians club where you get together".

"No. I didn't know I was part of it. But no," she said.

German vintner discovers World War Two wine cache

BERLIN, Germany – A German vintner acting on a hunch uncovered a hidden trove of wine untouched since 1945.

Andreas Neymeyer discovered 500 bottles under a cellar staircase while clearing out a burnt-out building on his 38 hectare (94 acre) vineyard in southern Germany shortly be-

fore Christmas.

"It was my uncle's idea," Neymeyer said. "I was preparing the building to be torn down and he knew that wine had been hidden sometime before the end of World War II."

"The wine is still drinkable; in fact some is quite good," he added.

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Globes face lawsuit on eve of Hollywood show

LOS ANGELES, California (AFP) – A former publicist for the Golden Globes show is suing its organizers for breach of contract and allegedly taking bribes, a lawyer said, on the eve of the annual Hollywood awards gala.

Michael Russell, who worked for the Globes' organizers for 17 years, wants at least two million dollars in damages and lost wages from them and accusing them of running a "payola" scheme, according to the lawsuit, obtained by AFP.

The Hollywood Foreign Press Association (HFPA) dismissed the action as a case of "a disgruntled former consulting firm" trying to cash in.

The lawsuit was filed at the Los Angeles Superior Court on Thursday, three days ahead of Sunday's glitzy Golden Globes show, seen as a pointer to success in the far more prestigious Academy Awards next month.

"Michael Russell has brought this lawsuit in the hope that the Hollywood Foreign Press Association will take these problems seriously and change their practices," said Russell's lawyer Tim McGonigle.

The heart of the complaint was that HFPA members could receive compensation from film companies in return for lobbying for certain movies to be nominated for the awards.

"Journalists are supposed to be independent, and representing films to the members, that's



a conflict of interest," he told AFP.

The 36-page legal document includes the allegations that "HFPA members abuse their positions and engage in unethical and potentially unlawful deals and arrangements which amount to a 'payola' scheme."

It says the Golden Globes lost its network television contract in 1982 following a scandal involving alleged kickbacks, but after Russell started to work for them in 1993 they secured a deal with NBC in 1995.

The 10-year deal -- which runs out this year -- was initially worth a reported 12 million dollars a year to the Globes, but that increased to 26 million a year, it says.

The HFPA dismissed the lawsuit, calling the allegations "completely without merit."

"This is no more than the case of a disgruntled former consulting firm, whose contract was not renewed, attempting to take advantage once again of the Globe's inter-

national stage for their own gain," it said in a statement.

Sunday's show kicks off Tinsel Town's annual awards season, leading up to the Oscars on February 27.

British historical drama "The King's Speech" starring Colin Firth and Helen Bonham-Carter leads with seven nominations for the Globes, followed by six for Facebook movie "The Social Network."

Industry insiders point to the HFPA's relatively tiny voting body of 81 members, against the Academy Awards' more than 5,700, alleging that the Globes are too open to undue influence by movie companies.

One film's inclusion in the shortlist this year triggered smirks around Hollywood.

"The Tourist," starring Johnny Depp and Angelina Jolie, was critically panned but nominated surprisingly in the comedy or musical category, in what gossips suggested was a blatant bid to gets its A list stars to attend week-end.

Pianist from Nebraska crowned Miss America

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AFP) – A 17-year-old pianist from a tiny town in Nebraska was crowned the 90th Miss America inheriting the coveted title in an iconic but beleaguered pageant that is striving to regain its prominence.

Teresa Scanlan, the youngest ever, said her age will help the pageant regain some of its relevance in the popular culture as she travels to advocate against eating disorders.

"This just shows that no matter where you come from, you can accomplish anything you want," she said at a post-event press conference. "I'm really excited it doesn't matter



how old you are and to get some new girls into the program."

Scanlan's age was clearly an issue for judges as they deliberated, and several of them referred to it.

"I have to say I was skeptical about having a 17-year-old

girl as Miss America, but this is a 17-year-old woman who is very knowledgeable about current events, about pop culture, very knowledgeable about her platform," said Marc Cherry, creator of the TV show Desperate Housewives. "I was sold."

Scanlan received a diamond tiara and a \$50,000 scholarship she plans to use to help pay for a law degree.

She said she hopes to be a criminal attorney and potentially an elected representative. She hails from a town of 8,000 people where she is one of seven children born to the daughter of Yugoslavian immigrants who fled the Communist takeover.

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Hamburg block Real's van Nistelrooy bid



HAMBURG (AFP) - Hamburg striker Ruud van Nistelrooy will not be allowed to rejoin Real Madrid, the German club's director of sport, Bastian Reinhardt, said Sunday.

With Real's Argentina striker Gonzalo Higuain out for the next four months with a back injury, 34-year-old Dutchman van Nistelrooy, who is out of contract at the end of the season, has been targeted as a replacement.

"We will not let him

leave," said Reinhardt. "He will see out the end of his contract, the decision is final."

Van Nistelrooy scored the winning goal in Hamburg's 1-0 win over Schalke 04 on Saturday which left his side seventh in the league and admitted he was torn between Hamburg and Madrid.

"It has been a strange week. It is not just any club which have expressed interest, it is Real," he said. "They are the only club which can make me change my mind."

With strikers Mladen Petric and Paolo Guerrero both carrying injuries, and Heung-Min Son at the Asian Cup with South Korea, Hamburg need to keep hold of their Dutch star who joined them from Real in January 2010.

Hamburg need a top five finish to be sure of a place in Europe next season.

Williams injury opens door for Clijsters

MELBOURNE (AFP) - Belgium's Kim Clijsters is hot favourite to add the Australian Open to her US Open crown after five-time champion Serena Williams' injury withdrawal opened the door to new contenders.

Clijsters, 27, heads the list of challengers with compatriot Justine Henin returning from injury and question marks over world number one Caroline Wozniacki after a string of recent defeats.

Clijsters arrives in good form after reaching the Sydney International final, and will be desperate to atone for last year's shock 6-0, 6-1 defeat to Nadia Petrova in the third round.

But she said she was not looking beyond her first-round match-up with Dinara



Safina, the 2009 finalist who is struggling for form after a back injury which sidelined her for much of last season.

"There can be so many surprises anyway in a Grand Slam. Tough players, new players that you don't expect to be doing well can be on a great run. So many things can happen," Clijsters said on Sunday.

"You really just try to focus on yourself, the way that you're playing. That's what I'm going to do: just try and find my best game out there."

Denmark's Wozniacki, 20, is the youngest year-end number one since Martina Hingis in 2000, but critics point out she is yet to win a Grand Slam title -- an omission she can make amends for here.

Wozniacki, beaten by Clijsters in the 2009 US Open final, is in uninspiring form

after three straight-sets defeats already this year, including her first match at the Sydney International.

But the feisty Dane insisted she deserved her top seeding and had "nothing to prove" in her first major tournament as world number one.

"I don't feel I need to prove anything to anybody," she said. "You don't become number one winning small tournaments or doing bad results."

Meanwhile, Henin's comeback from retirement was derailed in June when she damaged ligaments in her right elbow in a fall, and is now playing through the pain barrier in recovery.

Russia's Maria Sharapova has been unable to reproduce the form that brought her three Grand Slam titles, following an operation on her right shoulder in October 2008.

Her slow recovery suffered another setback last week when she was beaten by unheralded Hungarian Greta Arn at the WTA tournament in Auckland.

The glittering field features no fewer than seven Slam winners with Clijsters, Henin, Sharapova and Venus Williams joined by Svetlana Kuznetsova, Ana Ivanovic and French Open champion Francesca Schiavone.

And Australian fans will be hoping that world number six Samantha Stosur can become the first local to win the Australian Open since Chris O'Neil in 1978.

Straight-shooting Al-Attiyah wins Dakar Rally



Qatar's car driver Nasser Al-Attiyah celebrates with his trophy on the podium after winning the 2011 Dakar Rally in Buenos Aires, Argentina this past weekend. Al-Attiyah with Volkswagen won the race ahead of Giniel De Villiers of South Africa and Carlos Sainz of Spain. Nasser al-Attiyah clinched the Dakar Rally on Saturday, ending two years of heartache on the gruelling event, while defending champion Carlos Sainz was left with the consolation of taking the 13th and final stage. Versatile Al-Attiyah, who helped Qatar to a shooting gold medal at the Asian Games last November and has also appeared at the Olympics, had virtually wrapped up the title on Thursday when Sainz's hopes were shattered by a broken suspension. "It is a great victory. We demonstrated that we have the strongest team in the world. It is the third time the team has won a Dakar. It is also the biggest moment in my career," said Al-Attiyah. (AFP PHOTO)

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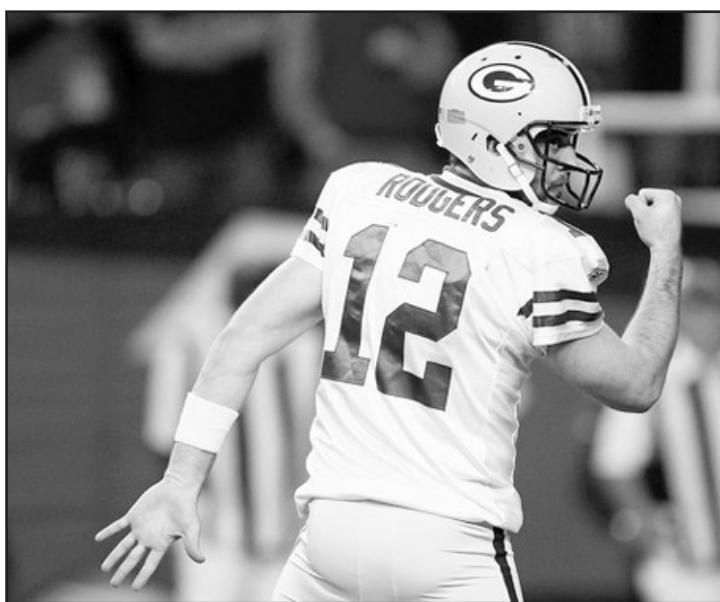
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Steelers rally to win, Packers rout Falcons



PITTSBURGH (AFP) - Ben Roethlisberger rallied the Steelers and Aaron Rodgers led the Packers to a rout Saturday as Pittsburgh and Green Bay advanced in the NFL playoffs.

Roethlisberger and the Steelers erased a 14-point halftime deficit to deal Baltimore a bitter, 31-24 post-season defeat and reach the American Conference championship game.

In Atlanta, Aaron Rodgers threw three touchdown passes and ran for another score as the Packers ousted

the National Conference top-seeds Atlanta 48-21.

Rodgers completed 31 of 36 passes for 366 yards as the Packers notched a second straight playoff victory on the road.

"This just feels so good right now," said Rodgers, who guided the storied Packers to the highest-scoring playoff game in their history.

"This probably was my best performance -- the stage we were on, the importance of this game," added Rodgers, who engineered four drives of 80 yards or

more. "It was a good night."

The Packers scored 35 straight points, including Tramon Williams' 70-yard interception return on the final play of the first half.

Atlanta quarterback Matt Ryan endured a difficult night. He was intercepted in the end zone and lost a fumble.

"Any time you're in the playoffs, you have an opportunity to win it all," Ryan said. "When that doesn't happen, it's frustrating."

The frustration was surely greater after the Falcons entered the playoffs as the top seeds in the NFC.

"I know they're disappointed," coach Mike Smith said of his players. "I'm disappointed. We're all disappointed. But we will learn from it."

"I also told them, as bad as they feel right now, remember the whole body of work we put out there this year. We can't forget that either."

Pittsburgh reached their fifth AFC title game in 10 seasons and will either visit New England or host the New York Jets. The Patriots and Jets meet on Sunday.

Roethlisberger connected with rookie Antonio Brown on a 58-yard passing play on third-and-19, and Rashard Mendenhall scored from the two-yard line with 1:33 left to play to seal Pittsburgh's victory.

The Steelers had trailed 21-7 at halftime as turnovers led to two quick Baltimore touchdowns.

But they turned the tables with two touchdowns to even the score in the third quarter, as Baltimore's playoff bid unraveled in a welter of mistakes.

"You know what, our offense went in there (at halftime) and said, 'We played terrible, we gave them the

ball in prime position too many times,'" Roethlisberger said. "We had to do something about it."

Three Ravens turnovers in the third quarter -- running back Ray Rice fumbled in addition to quarterback Joe Flacco throwing an interception and fumbling a snap from center -- led to 17 points for the Steelers.

It was the third time in three tries the Ravens have lost a playoff game in Pittsburgh.

This time around Baltimore's last opportunity to beat the Steelers ended when

TJ Houshmandzadeh dropped Flacco's fourth-down pass at the Steelers' 38-yard line with 1:03 to play.

The Ravens were out-gained 263-126 as Flacco was 16 of 30 for 125 yards. Baltimore became the eighth team in NFL playoff history to fail to gain at least 100 yards in the first three quarters.

"They get to go on and play the AFC championship and contend for a Super Bowl," Ravens linebacker Terrell Suggs said. "We go to the couch."

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- Tariffs pertaining to various permit requests for "Vestigings Bedrijven", including Business Operating License, have been reduced, as indicated in the chart below.

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